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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - FUTURE FAA OPERATIONS CYPRUS

REFS : (A) NICOSIA 2329; (B) NICOSIA 2380;

(C) NICOSIA 1841; (D) NICOSIA 2524

1. FAA IS FINALIZING MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) FOR
AIRMEN CERTIFICATION SERVICES TO CYPRUS AIRWAYS PERSONNEL
DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN OPERATION OR MAINTENANCE OF U.S.
REGISTERED AIRCRAFT (REFTEL A).

2. IN VIEW DEVELOPMENTS CITED (REFTEL B) INDICATING
CYPRUS DECISION TO PURCHASE BAC 111 AIRCRAFT, FAA IS
DOUBTFUL IF DCA OR CYPRUS AIRWAYS STILL INTERESTED IN
LONG-TERM ASSISTANCE DESCRIBED (REFTEL C). AS BRITISH
MANUFACTURED AIRCRAFT APPARENTLY WILL BE USED IN
FUTURE, FAA ASSUMES CYPRUS AIRWAYS WILL WISH TO CONTINUE
USING SURVEILLANCE AND AIRMEN CERTIFICATION SERVICES
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3. FAA WOULD TYPICALLY PROVIDE GOVERNMENT AVIATION AUTHORITIES SUCH AS DCA BROAD CIVIL AVIATION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PURSUANT TO FORMAL REQUEST AND REIMBURSABLE MOA RATHER THAN PROVIDE SURVEILLANCE SERVICES TO AIRLINE SUCH AS CYPRUS AIRWAYS.

4. FAA POLICY IS THAT FOREIGN CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES SEEKING FAA ASSISTANCE SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED AND ASSISTED IN DEVELOPING THEIR OWN AVIATION STATUTE AND VARIOUS CERTIFICATION AND SURVEILLANCE FUNCTIONS PATTERNED AFTER THE FAA ACT, FEDERAL AVIATION REGULATIONS AND FAA PROCEDURES AND TECHNIQUES.

5. DEPENDING UPON MANPOWER AVAILABILITY, FAA MAY BE ABLE PROVIDE SUCH ASSISTANCE IF REQUESTED BY THE GOC/DCA. RELATED TO SUCH ASSISTANCE, FAA COULD CONSIDER MAKING APPROPRIATE TRAINING COURSES AVAILABLE TO DCA PERSONNEL ON A TUITION BASIS.

6. FAA THUS FAVORS CONCEPT OF ULTIMATELY QUALIFYING DCA PERSONNEL TO PERFORM THEIR OWN SURVEILLANCE OF CYPRUS AIRWAYS OPERATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ESTABLISHED GOC CIVIL AIR STATUTES/REGULATIONS RATHER THAN FOR FAA TO PERFORM SURVEILLANCE FUNCTIONS AS AGENT FOR DCA AS ENVISIONED PARA 3, REFTTEL (C).

7. FAA WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY COMMENTS ON VIEWS EXPRESSED IN PARA 2 AND ADVISE IF DCA WISHES TO SEEK FAA ASSISTANCE ALONG LINES OUTLINED PARA 4 ABOVE. ROBINSON

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